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Effect of the War on France.

The very serious manner in which business is affected in Europe by the war in America, becomes more and more manifest with every passing month. France is a greater sufferer than many at first supposed she would be. Our people take from her silks, wines, and articles of luxury, chiefly. They are such as can be dispensed with, and in times like these will, to a great extent, be dispensed with. The trade in them has always been a profitable one to the French, the balance being always in their favor. Now, cotton, tobacco, and some other articles they cannot dispense with, they must get chiefly from the United States, or suffer if they have to go without. Breadstuffs this year is one of them, for which the demand from the French is urgent. They are therefore in the condition of men who can sell but little, while they have to purchase a great deal. Such a condition makes it necessary to draw on any reserve coin or past earning which they may have, or drives them to live out of their capital. Of the effect of our war on the silk trade and industry of France an idea may be gathered from the following statement of a person writing from Lyons:

A large portion of the population of Lyons is composed of weavers. They are estimated at sixty thousand, including, I suppose, the families of those who are married men. In the suburbs, especially on the northern and eastern sides, one hears the clatter of the loom on all hands. Alas! in these days there is much misery in Lyons on account of the war in the United States. Only think of the fact that last year (1860) the exports from Lyons to America were more than 160,000,000 francs, while from the first of January, 1861, up to the 1st of September—eight months—they have but little exceeded 6000, and it is feared they will not reach 10,000—perhaps not more than 8000. Was there ever anything like this? A large house engaged in the American trade assures me that for some time they have not had a single order from the United States. Of course the weavers suffer much.—Cor. American paper.

ASTOUNDING DISCOVERY IN FRANCE.—The following sounds very much like the stores of the Arabian Nights, or Sinbad the Sailor, but as it comes from a respectable source, we give it for what it is worth:

It has been a great mystery to English bankers and to the directors of the Bank of England, how the bullion of the Bank of France could be so greatly increased within the last three years, while the institution has been constantly sending gold to England, to Germany and to America. Not long since the Bank of France drew some 15,000,000f. in silver from the Bank of England, which it paid for in gold bars with the French mint stamp on them. At its last report it showed a balance of 117,000,000f. in gold, while the amount one year ago was under 80,000,000f.—nearly one-third increase. It is whispered that this abundance in gold is the result of a scientific discovery, which the Emperor Napoleon has secured the monopoly of. Gold is at the present moment manufactured at Paris in a secret manner. The principal articles used are pot-lead and arsenic, and though it is not known how extensively the precious metal is produced, yet several hundred weight of the material are taken to a certain place on the first of each month. Everything is conducted with the utmost secrecy. None of the workmen are allowed to leave, and nothing definite can be known, but the fact that gold is produced is beyond peradventure. How long Napoleon III. will be able to keep this wonderful secret remains to be seen.—Banker's Reporter.

ANDY JOHNSON AND THE SECESSIONISTS.—A Tennessee paper says that Andy Johnson is very bitter against the Secessionists. Whether he is so or not, he has certainly had enough to make him bitter. A band of the rebels went to his house in East Tennessee with the avowed intention of hanging him, and not finding him at home, they cut a hickory with in the woods and scourged with it the body of his wife. Who could wonder if the outraged husband were to raise his clenched right hand towards God's firmament and swear to wage a war of extermination against the infernal miscreants?—Louisville Journal.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES OF THE AMERICANS.—It seems to be a favorite pursuit of the Americans to get hold of a poor editor, who has the courage to differ with them, and to tar and feather him. If asked what kind of a nation America was, we should feel inclined, after hearing of the above black-guard propensity, to exclaim "Tar-nation!"—Punch.

SWEARING FOR A FAMILY.—Rev. R. S. MacLay, for thirteen years a missionary in China, has written a book, in which he relates the following anecdote:

During one of our examinations of candidates for baptism at Ngukang, I observed that one woman and some three or four young people had the same surname. This circumstance led to the following conversation between myself and one of the young men:

"I observe you all have the same surname. Are you members of the same family?" I inquired.
"Yes," one replied; "this is my mother and these are my brothers."
"Where is your father?" I continued.
"He is at home, attending to business."
"Does he approve of your embracing Christianity?"
"Yes, he is entirely willing."
"Why does not your father himself become a Christian?"
"He says it would not answer for all the family to embrace Christianity."
"And why?" I asked with some curiosity, "does he think so?"
"He says if we all become Christians that our heathen neighbors will take advantage of that circumstance to impose upon us."
"How will they do that?" I inquired.
"Christians are not allowed to swear or fight, and father says that when our wicked neighbors ascertain that we have embraced Christianity, they will proceed at once to curse and maltreat us. Hence, father says to us, 'You may all become Christians, but I must remain a heathen, so as to retaliate on our bad neighbors. You can go to meeting and worship, but I must stay at home to do the cursing and fighting for the family.'"

"SCENTED DIAMOND."—A great sensation was recently caused among the principal jewelers in England by the introduction of a "scented diamond." The stone was lately discovered in the kingdom of Ava, and has the same value as others, same weight; but possesses the most extraordinary quality of emitting a very agreeable odor under the influence of a high temperature—such, for instance, as is more frequent than agreeably felt in the ball-room.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Household Remedies.—Mothers and nurses would spare themselves infinite anxiety in case of accident or illness if they had always at hand the never-failing remedies prepared by Professor Holloway. The weaker sex, especially, may rely on their restorative powers in all cases of irregularity or suspension of the functions peculiar to them. They may be used advantageously, under any circumstances of ill-health, as their peculiar property of purifying the blood must mitigate the severity of any disease, whether recent or chronic, trifling or dangerous. They are harmless, but at the same time effective, and act as an alternative, deobstruents and tonics. For the nursery, and period of late youth, these fine corrective medicines are inestimable.

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Wine & Beer Casks, Plated Ware,
Cutlery, &c.

OILMAN'S STORES—Candles, pickles, sauces, herrings, blotters, mustard, pie fruits, biscuits, cheese, jelly in tins, meats in do., oysters in do., peaches, confectionery.

Tents, White Lead, Bright Var-
nish, &c.

BRANDY—Rum, gin, whisky, juniper cordial, port, sherry, curacao, anisette, &c.
And a general assortment of

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Practical Watchmaker and Jeweler,
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E. CHUMBERG, a practical Chronometer and Watchmaker and Jeweller, I am now prepared to repair all articles in my line in superior style and at moderate charges.
A large stock of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Gold and Silver Watches, set with diamonds, Fine Ear-rings, and Jewellery of every description always on hand.

Silver-Plated Ware,
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REINHART & BRO. HAVE REMOVED
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For warming and ventilating
PARLORS, OFFICES,
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Which for Economy, Purity of Air, and Ease of Management, has no equal. They can be regulated so as to give

Any Amount of Heat Required,
And unlike all other Coal Burners, Ventilate the apartments quite as thoroughly as a wood fire or open Franklin.

Producing a Current of Air,
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The Fire may be continued from one to four days without replenishing.

These Stoves are beautiful in design, and finished in the most perfect manner. They are equally appropriate and have given universal satisfaction to all who have adopted them.

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The inventor challenges the world to produce an article by which so much pure warm air can be generated from so small an amount of fuel, requiring but about fifteen pounds of coal to warm an ordinary sized parlor for twenty-four hours, without replenishing, and then leaving fire enough to rekindle without the use of charcoal.

The coal is all used and no clinkers made, consequently sifting coal is dispensed with. When this stove is properly managed,

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Without once going out. Added to these qualifications the purchaser may reasonably expect to save from thirty to fifty per cent. in fuel of expense.

THESE STOVES ARE GUARANTEED.

I have also received a full assortment of
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FOR WOOD OR COAL,
And the best improvement on
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Fancy Lacquered American Grates,
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ARE NOW OPENING A SELECT STOCK
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Also, a full assortment of
Shoe Findings and Saddlers' Leather
Of every description. no 1 2m

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THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN
appointed Agents for the new Quicksilver Mine, California, offer for sale Quicksilver of the best quality from the above named mine in quantities to suit, at San Francisco MARKET RATES
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FOR SALE,
THE FOLLOWING VALUABLE PROPERTY:

1st. LOT OF GROUND 38x120 FEET,
Southeast corner of Fort and Douglas streets, with a substantial 2-story Brick Building and four Wooden Cottages; 120 feet frontage on Douglas street.

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3d. Lot southeast corner of View and Douglas, No. 410, with one good sized Cottage; 120 feet frontage on Douglas.

The property brings a good income and is worthy the attention of capitalists or parties wishing to invest, having a frontage of 300 feet on Douglas street, and being almost all covered by improvements and near the centre of actual business, promising, therefore, a good investment to the purchaser.

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secretary.

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VICTORIA, V. I.,
Importers and Manufacturers
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Orders punctually attended to and filled at shortest notice.
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Our many years' experience, both in Europe and the United States, will be sufficient guarantee for the proper execution of all work in our line.
SPECIAL CASES always on hand and made to order at San Francisco prices.
no 16 2m

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selling, purchasing, and leasing property, to negotiating loans, and transacting everything connected with Real Estate business.

Maps of all the different Districts on the Island may be seen at his office. Parties desirous of purchasing Homesteads, or making investments, will find on my Bulletin Board Town Lots on nearly every street; Farming or Gardening Land in every District; some of which afford a rare chance for investment.
Conveyances, leases, &c., drawn up at reasonable rates
no 23-11

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THE UNDERSIGNED HAS IMPORTED
the finest Mineral Teeth and Dental Materials that are to be found on the Pacific coast, and is ready to furnish sets or single teeth in the best style. Dentistry in all its branches will be attended to by
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no 18 1m

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A LARGE AND VARIED ASSORTMENT
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Victoria, V. I.
no 7-11

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Victoria, V. I.
no 7 6m

NOTICES.

NOTICE.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
I have this day dissolved partnership with Nathan Solomon, of Yates street, and I hereby caution all persons from trusting the said Nathan Solomon on my responsibility. I will not hold myself responsible for any liabilities which he may contract.
LEWIS ROSENBERG.
Victoria, Nov. 23, 1861.
San Francisco papers please copy. no 26 1w

NOTICE.
JEFFREYS' FRASER RIVER EXPRESS
will be discontinued from and after this date. All parties having accounts against the business will please present them at the Office on Government street, on or before the 4th of December, and all those indebted to the business will please make immediate payment of the same.

William Jeffray takes this opportunity to thank those who have so liberally supported him in his business for the past two years.
Victoria, Nov. 23, 1861.
no 22 1w

WANTED,
BY A SOBER, STEADY MAN, A SITU-
ation as a cook in a hotel or Restaurant. Ad-
dress "Cook," at the Colonist Office.
no 29 2w

A GERMAN GENTLEMAN JUST AR-
rived, wants to teach the Pianoforte. Persons desirous to learn will please leave their address at the office of
L. D. LOWENBERG,
No 36 Government street.
no 20 1m

NOTICE.
To Carpenters and Builders.
TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED
until Saturday the 23d inst. for the erection of Two Fire-Proof Stores on Yates Street. Tenders will be received for the whole work or for the separate trades. The drawings and specifications may be seen at the office of the Undersigned. The lowest tender will be accepted if otherwise satisfactory.
WRIGHT & SANDELS, Architects,
Corner Yates and Langley streets.
no 18

NOTICE.
I HAVE LEFT MY FULL POWER OF
Attorney for the management of all my affairs in
Victoria to Mr. J. F. McCreight, of Government
street, during my absence from the Colony.
ELIZABETH MILES.
Victoria, Nov. 16th, 1861.
no 1 1w

Notice to Carpenters and Builders.
TENDERS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE ERECTION
of a Frame Dwelling House on Lot 15 Block
XX, New Westminster. The Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Office of the undersigned.
WRIGHT & SANDELS, Architects,
no 12
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Langley Steeet,
REAR OF STATIONER'S HALL,
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EX "RETRIEVER,"

GINGER BRANDY—1 doz cases;
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BRANDY—U. V., Proprietors, Renat, Burgundy,
and other brands, in hhds and qr casks;
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CHAMPAGNE—"Sillery Mousseaux," quarts;
CHAMPAGNE—Star, pints and 1/2 pints;
HOCK—Quarts and pints;
MOSELE—Quarts and pints;
WHISKY—McKenzie, cask and case;
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SILKS—Black and white Gros, Sarsnets, Fancy
and a few fine extra rich flounced
Dresses;
EMBROIDERIES—Ties, Gloves, Ribbons, &c.
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Langley street.
no 14 1m

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has commodious dressing-rooms, and an entrance in
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force-pump and a full supply of hose connected with
a large cistern, from which water may be ejected to
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Victoria on first class Buildings and merchandise
stored therein; and will also insure detached frame
residences in the suburbs, and furniture in same.
FRED. GIBBS,
Wharf street.
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FOR SALE,
640 GALLONS CAMPHENE, IN BOND.
WILLIAM H. WOODCOCK.
New Westminster, Sept. 28th, 1861.
no 24 1m

THE BRITISH COLONIST

TO ADVERTISERS.

All advertisements, unless the time for which they are to be inserted is specified, will be continued until ordered out, and so charged.

Friday Morning, Dec. 6, 1861.

Our Position in case of War with the United States.

With the first note of a declaration of war against the United States every port from Semiahmoo to the mouth of the Colorado will be closed to our commerce, and the ports of this and the neighboring colony to that of the United States. At one stroke we could be entirely cut off from the chief sources of our supplies, so far as carrying them in British or American bottoms were concerned. The doctrine that neutral ships make neutral goods when the goods were not contraband of war, would no doubt be recognized and respected by both the high contending parties; and the consequence would be that in the outstart our supplies would be brought from San Francisco, Columbia River, or Puget Sound in foreign bottoms. The Sandwich Island, New Grenadian, and other South American vessels, would first do our carrying trade; and ultimately some belonging to the neutral maritime nations of Europe. We might for a short period experience a scarcity in our markets; prices would rule high; but it would be of short duration. A great deal of smuggling would go on across the lines, where mutual interest would sink patriotism out of sight in seizing opposing flags. Soon after the commencement of hostilities our fleet at Esquimalt would command the Straits of Fuca, and turn Puget Sound into an English lake, make prizes of all the American bottoms floating on it, and make Port Townsend and Olympia, for the time, British territory, as much so as Castine, Lubec and Eastport, in Maine, were during the last American war. Navigation with the Sound would then be placed on the same basis as it is now, with the exception of the exclusion of the American flag; and by this means we would experience no difference in our trade with Washington Territory, except, possibly, making the settlements on the Sound draw all their supplies from here which they get now from San Francisco. So far as we are concerned, our fleet, our isolated position, and our limited area requiring protection, would render us perfectly secure. The command of the Straits and Sound would prevent the formation of any American naval force or expedition to disturb us. The small United States Squadron in the Pacific would be desirable for the protection of San Francisco, and the North-west territory would be left to shift for itself with no chance to suffer serious injury, because there is not much to injure, according to the usages of civilized warfare. Whilst enjoying perfect security from the naval arm of the Imperial service, the difficulty in obtaining produce would divert considerable attention to agriculture in both Colonies, and when the war was concluded, that branch of industry would be much more advanced than at present. Mining would progress just as well as it does now; Cariboo would experience no diminution in its numbers. Enough British subjects and foreigners of European nationalities would reside in the country to render any outbreak of the American element improbable. Peace, industry, and general security would prevail with ordinary vigilance.

For some time we would be cut off from mail communication except at irregular intervals. Even that would be more inconvenient than injurious, as it would give an impetus to an overland mail route, which is now so desirable. But the want of mail communication would soon be supplied. Within three months after the war was proclaimed the North Pacific coast would bristle with a fleet from the Chinese seas. Sloops of war would bring our mails from Panama. Esquimalt would become the rendezvous of a large fleet, and from there would sail expeditions to command the Columbia and capture San Francisco. Gaining possession of that city would be the only warlike achievement worth mentioning that in all probability would occur; and its inadequate means of defence, according to the San Francisco papers, would render it a comparatively easy victory. There cannot be a doubt that in case of a war that it would be done at any sacrifice. So with San Francisco, the Columbia, and Puget Sound in our possession, no offensive demonstration could disturb us.

The real theatre of war would be on the Atlantic coast. There the question, appealed to the arbitration of arms, would be settled; and with the trifling expeditions we have indicated, things here would move on smoothly. At the first note of war doubtless large numbers of British subjects in California, Oregon, and Washington Territory would emigrate hither, and following our possession of the Sound, Columbia River, and San Francisco, another tide of immigration would set in, whilst navigation, with the one exception named, would be on the same basis as it is now. Trade, on the whole, would be very little disturbed, and when the war (which would not last long) was concluded—our position would be materially improved to what it is at present. The concentration of a large fleet here would have the effect of making money plenty, aside from any other cause and stamp

Victoria as a place of great importance. Such is our brief opinion in answer to the queries of the last few days as to what our position would be in case of a war with the United States.

[From the National Intelligencer.]
The Seat of Our Weakness.

The history of the formation of the Constitution of the United States sufficiently discloses the fact that its authors intended to institute a national government which should be adequate to protect its own stability, and maintain its vigor and efficiency. But of late years a school of politicians have industriously directed their labors to a development of the "rights of the States," as distinguished from the rights of the Federal Government, and, as was early seen by our fathers, the exaggeration of this centrifugal force in our political system has, in the end, deranged the whole mechanism of our civil polity throughout a large part of the country.

What the framers of the Constitution intended to guard against, has been discovered also by intelligent observers of our political history to be a besetting danger of our national Union. The sagacious foresight of De Tocqueville in detecting at once the latent source and procuring cause of the pending convulsion, has been frequently made a topic of remark, since current events have in part justified the accuracy of his predictions, though we may hope that the result will prove his fears respecting the incapacity of the National Government to maintain itself against the violent action of any considerable number of the separate States, not to be well founded. But that he was not alone in discovering the seat of our weakness, may be inferred from the verdict of other cool and philosophical observers of our political institutions, as pronounced in advance of the modern developments which have given to that verdict such a melancholy confirmation. In illustration of this point we have but to cite the following extract from the "Lectures on Modern History," originally delivered by Professor William Smyth, in the University of Cambridge, nearly fifty years ago. Speaking of the United States, he said:

"I am much disposed to offer this subject to your reflections, and, therefore, as a conjecture—though an obvious one—I should say that the great event to be expected is that this empire should break up into two or more independent States or Republics, and that at some distant period the continent of America may be destined to exhibit all the melancholy scenes of devastation and war which so long have disgraced the continent of Europe. This, however, must be considered as the grand calamity and failure of the whole; it can arise only from a want of strength in the Federal Government—that is, from the friends of liberty not venturing to render the executive power sufficiently effective. This is the common mistake of all popular governments. In governments more or less monarchical, the danger is always of an opposite nature."

THE PRINCESS ROYAL AND HER HUSBAND.—The unhappy relations that exist between the Princess Royal of England and the husband selected for her by the laws which regulate royal alliances, have now become so well known that it is idle to remain longer reticent on the subject. It is stated that the circumstance has occasioned the liveliest concern in the most distinguished household in the land, and that no pains have been spared to make representations in the quarter to which an appeal might be supposed to have some weight. That royal alliances, as at present conducted, should terminate unhappily, cannot be matter of surprise; but the Prince of Prussia, from his youth and apparent frankness and candor, gave promise of proving an exception to the general run of German princes in this respect.—*London Daily News.*

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